

PHYSICS HAPPENINGS #6

Feb. 13, 1984

1. Dave Charlton

Dave sends his best wishes to all his colleagues and former students. He hopes to be in Montreal for a couple of weeks visit around April 16.

2. Travel

As noted previously CASA will no longer give travel grants. Travel will from now on only be covered by the dean's office (Dr. Pallen). Although some additional money has been given to the dean's office because of this switch, there will not be as much money available as in the past. From now on grant holders normally must contribute a greater portion of the cost even if they are presenting a paper and others may have to pay a larger fraction from their own pocket. New forms will be coming out soon. Dr. Danino, Frank, and Kipling just made it under the wire. They just received grants for travel from the dean's office and are currently being considered by CASA in CASA's last travel competition.

3. Final Week of Class

Re notice of Vice Rector Breen 25 Jan. 1984. No class tests of ANY KIND may be held during the last week of classes other than in the lab courses held at Sir George. There are no exceptions.

4. Graduate News

So far 14 applicants for next September. 3 Ph.D. (all foreign); one incomplete believed to be going elsewhere. 7 M.Sc. (2 Canadian); 6 admitted, 1 under consideration. 4 qualifying (all foreign); 1 for January (did not come) 2 accepted, 1 rejected.

The Ph.D./M.Sc. Committee completed the semi annual evaluation of M.Sc. thesis and all Ph.D. students. All but one were given satisfactory performance ratings. The work to date of the remaining student was rated unsatisfactory.

5. Neutron Generator

Negotiations are underway to sell the neutron generator to the Defence Research Establishment in Ottawa. Only the neutron howitzer would remain in this space. Most of the space would be used by other division III departments for x ray equipment.

6. Lab Microcomputer Project

Final software has been received from Radio Shack. As of today Monday Feb. 13, 1984 one lab course will be off the

mainframe and on the Radio Shack network. Naturally the system at the moment must be considered experimental. Students in the course are being warned and asked for patience during the changeover. In the summer session 224, 225, 226 will go in the network and hopefully all lab courses will be in by next summer. Mornings and all day Friday will be available for computer assisted introduction. Anyone interested?

7. Sabbatical Leave Replacement

Thus far five Canadians or landed immigrants have applied. Two were judged unsuitable by the budget control committee. Thus far three cases are to be considered after the closing date on March 15, 1984. Two of these Dr. Mann and Dr. Sircar will give seminars on Monday March 5 at 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday March 20 at 1:30 p.m. respectively. They will be available in the mornings for discussions with faculty. Please meet them and come to the seminars. Your contributions to the evaluation process is important. Please let me have your comments.

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